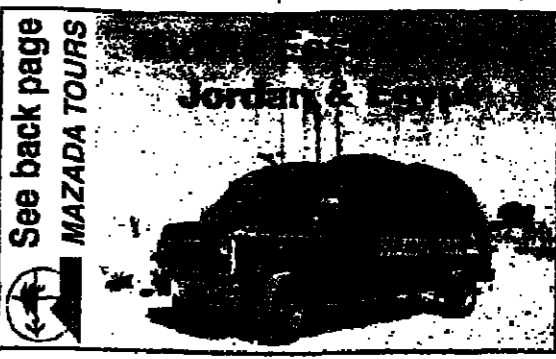


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Soldier killed in clash with Hizbullah

A GIVATI Brigade soldier was killed in what appears to have been a close-range clash with Hizbullah gunmen inside the security zone.

The clash occurred near Jabal Balat village, not far from the border, at around 5 p.m. According to military sources, Givati soldiers were on operational duties in the area when they encountered a terrorist squad.

with the IDF firing at least 100 artillery rounds. There were also reports of intensive IAF activities, with planes dropping flares and helicopters searching for the retreating gunmen.

The reports said most of the artillery fire was directed towards Yatar, north of the security zone, which has been a hotbed of hostile activities for many years. According to reports from the zone, two Lebanese civilians were wounded as a result of Hizbullah mortar fire

toward an IDF position in Sakhnin. They were evacuated to hospitals in Israel. The firing continued into late last night, as IDF troops extended their search for the gunmen. Since the beginning of the year, 19 IDF soldiers have been killed in south Lebanon.

DAVID RUDGE



Police officers patrol the streets of eastern Jerusalem yesterday during the Palestinians' four-hour strike.

Police brace for unrest on Temple Mount

100,000 expected to heed Arafat's call

HUNDREDS of extra policemen are being brought into Jerusalem today, as security forces brace for possible unrest on the Temple Mount, after Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat called on Moslems to converge there for Friday prayers.

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and Israeli Arab Moslems to come pray at the Al-Aksa Mosque on the Temple Mount. Those who cannot reach Jerusalem were told to gather at the checkpoints at the entrance to the city.

that Esmat Abdel-Meguid, the Egyptian secretary-general of the Arab League, phoned him to say he planned to convene a meeting of the league's foreign ministers on the crisis.

Arafat not only called on Palestinian schools to devote the first lesson of the school year on Sunday to Palestinian rights in Jerusalem, but for the Islamic world to declare a five-minute strike in solidarity with Palestinian and Moslem rights in Jerusalem.

Palestinian shopkeepers in eastern Jerusalem shut down their shops for four hours yesterday morning during the general strike. Sultan Suleiman and Salah A-Din streets, the normally crowded main thoroughfares just outside the Old City, were virtually empty during the strike, which lasted from 8 a.m. until noon.

In most towns in the territories the strike was observed. In Gaza there were reports of policemen

PM-Arafat meeting soon, official says

DAVID MAKOVSKY

There are "no untoward events," it could be a meeting between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat "very soon," an official in the Prime Minister's Office said yesterday. He refused to elaborate, however.

new steering committee next week to further the implementation of Oslo II. Netanyahu also dispatched a personal envoy to Ramallah to see Arafat. In a third set of Israeli-Palestinian meetings yesterday, Netanyahu's diplomatic adviser Dore Gold, along with Israeli negotiator Dan Shomron, met pri-

ately with top Palestinian negotiator Mahmoud Abbas last night. Despite this, officials are concerned that there may be unrest today during the Moslem prayers at Al-Aksa Mosque on the Temple Mount, following Arafat's call for Moslems to hold mass prayers there as a sign of their identification with Palestinian rights in

Jerusalem. At a session yesterday afternoon, both Shomron and Palestinian coordinator Saeb Erekat pledged the steering

Clinton nominated

CHICAGO (AP) - President Bill Clinton put the final touches on the speech kicking off his re-election campaign yesterday, even as his trouble-free convention was distracted by the resignation of his top political adviser.

Clinton set the tone for his last campaign, spelling out how he would take the country into the next century. "The best is yet to come, the best days for America," he promised.

His voice hoarse, his acceptance speech still being polished, Clinton remained out of sight as the Democratic delegates who nominated him Wednesday night awaited the climactic session of their national convention to formally renominate him for the race against Republican challenger Bob Dole.

Full report, Page 6 'Post' Net site in top 10 JUDY SIEGEL

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FEATURES

Policing eastern Jerusalem

The capital's police force is fighting a battle for the hearts of Palestinian residents in the city, Bill Hutman reports

A Palestinian shopkeeper watched with concern this week as five men carried a young girl into an abandoned building, known as a hangout for drug addicts and criminals, just outside the Old City. He quickly picked up his phone to report what was transpiring in the Jerusalem Police.

A patrol was sent to the scene, and discovered the girl unharmed. The men were friends of her father, who had been waiting for the girl on the other side of the building.

For most police forces, the incident would be soon forgotten. But for the Jerusalem police, fighting a battle for the hearts of the Palestinian residents of the city, it was seen as an important indicator that they were on the right path. "We want the [Palestinian] residents to know that we are present," said Cmdr. Ilan Franco, who oversees operations at the new police station in eastern Jerusalem, just outside the Old City on Salah a-Din Street.

"I am not talking about demonstrating our power, although they must know that we are there to do a job. But we are also there to serve them. We want the residents to know that we are also concerned about their welfare," Franco said.

The call by the shopkeeper concerned about the young girl went directly to the Salah a-Din station,



First Sergeant Major Ghassan Abdel Rahman works at his desk at the Salah a-Din station, the second of two police stations in the Arab sector.

which is officially known as Shalem Station (from one of the biblical names for Jerusalem) and was opened just five months ago. Franco said the proximity of the station to the scene of the incident meant a fast reaction time. It also meant the shopkeeper felt that at the Salah a-Din station, atop the central Post Office in the center of the eastern Jerusalem business district, there was someone nearby who could help.

Until former internal security minister Moshe Shahal officially opened the Salah a-Din station in April, there was only a single police station in the Arab sector, the Kishleh Station in the Old City, which had once served the British and Turkish police.

Israeli authority may have officially been imposed on eastern Jerusalem after the 1967 War, but Israel Police were hardly to be seen. The police's major concern in the Arab sector of the city was maintaining security.

Crime-fighting was a low priority in eastern Jerusalem, and instead, the paramilitary border police dominated the alleyways of the Old City and the dirt roads of the outlying Arab neighborhoods, rather than the crime-fighters in blue, or even in undercover jeans and a t-shirt.

Shahal publicly declared that opening the Salah a-Din station was in part a political move, aimed at showing, at a time that the PA

was trying to make inroads in eastern Jerusalem, that the government remained determined not to relinquish any authority in the city.

Franco, in an interview this week, preferred not to speak about the political motivations behind opening the station. Instead, he, and other officers, emphasized that the station was filling not only a political vacuum, but also a practical, law enforcement one.

"There is a tendency among Arabs to deal with things within their own community," said First Sergeant Major Ghassan Abdel Rahman, or Abu Ghosh, the chief investigator at the Salah a-Din station. "That is what the *sulha* is all about, trying to work things about between families, instead of going to the authorities," Rahman said,

largely independent of Israel's legal system. There are also a vast number of local authorities — *nukharas* and village councils — that deal with disputes between Palestinian residents.

The Israeli police officers at the Salah a-Din station said they realize what they are up against, and were confident that despite the political and social difficulties with operating in eastern Jerusalem, they would succeed in doing their jobs. The station's record speaks for itself, showing many Palestinian residents filing complaints, and others just contacting the station for help in civilian matters, as happens at police stations around the country, according to Franco.

Franco readily admitted that not every police station has a handful of border policemen outside for security, and will also only send out a patrol if it is accompanied by a border police contingent, also because of fear of attack.

But, he was quick to add, few police stations anywhere operate under the conditions as those on Salah a-Din Street, and as proof it is a success, pointed to figures showing that in its first three and half months the station received over 1,300 calls, and opened 360 investigations.

"I can say quite frankly that I was very of unsure of things in the beginning. But now I'm confident that opening this station was a good idea," Franco said.

An Arab officer who just serves the public

GHASSAN Abdel Rahman, a 28-year-old officer in the Jerusalem police with ten years of service already under his belt, has chosen a path few men in his position dare.

Most Arab-Israelis quit the police force at the start of the intifada, when they were labeled collaborators by their brethren in the territories. Several Arab-Israeli policemen were even killed by fellow Arabs for refusing to leave their jobs.

First Sergeant Major Rahman, however, said he is not scared for his own personal safety, and that he is proud of his career in Israel Police. "A couple of years ago, when I was working at the Russian Compound [police station], they asked me to transfer to one of the units that deals with security. "But I said 'no.' That's where I draw the line."

Instead, Rahman chose to stay on in investigations. Today, he is the chief investigator at the new police station on Salah a-Din Street, the first station set up by the Israeli Police in the Arab sector of the city since Jerusalem was reunited in 1967. "I have been working for long enough that most of the residents know me," said Rahman, sitting behind the desk in his third floor office.

Outside, about a dozen Palestinian residents sat on benches, waiting to speak with the chief investigator. "Recently, a person I know as being a major Hamas activist came here for advice on how to deal with an incident that occurred in his family [and that required police intervention]. People know that they can trust me," Rahman added.

"The Jewish and Druse policemen, they can deal with the security issues if they want. That's not my

area. I'm here to serve the public," Rahman said.

Statistics indicate that Rahman is doing his job well. Palestinian residents are increasingly coming to the station, above the main Post Office on Salah a-Din Street, with complaints about crimes they want solved. The success of the station has been so great, said Cmdr. Ilan Franco, that there is a desperate need to increase manpower, particularly in investigations.

Franco, who is in charge of the station, as well as of the Capital Station at the Russian Compound, said the natural choice to fill the slots is eastern Jerusalem residents. When several months ago police advertised in eastern Jerusalem's Arabic press for the posts at Salah a-Din, there were very low expectations.

Franco and other officers believed the political situation was still not ripe for Jerusalem Arabs to join the force. Jerusalem Police, however, received a pleasant surprise. Dozens of Jerusalem Arabs answered the call to join the force. Rahman recalled being overwhelmed by telephone calls in his office for information on how to become a policeman.

The only problem was that not a single one of the applicants to date has qualified. Rahman said he knows why. "I would ask them if they had a [criminal] record, and they would say no. Later, I am sure it was discovered that had been detained before for rock-throwing or some other offense during the intifada."

Franco said he remains determined to expand manpower at the Salah a-Din station with Arab residents of the city. "It is a top priority for us. We know that they would make the best policemen for this station, and there is no reason that they should not join." B.H.

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 In Hebron, where the IDF is still in control, some shops and the market remained open.
 "The strike today is largely symbolic and is the first step in an overall plan," PA Higher Education Minister Hanan Ashrawi told reporters.
 Nafez Rifai, a member of the Fatah Higher Committee, said that the steps taken so far, including a recommendation by the Palestinian Council to suspend all official contacts with the Israeli government, were initiated by Fatah.
 The Fatah Higher Committee is considering other measures, including escalating the strikes, taking non-violent but active measures to prevent settlement-building, demanding a halt to relations between Arab states and Israel, and an Islamic campaign on behalf of Jerusalem.
 Violence is apparently also an option, if other steps fail. "We can escalate measures if the Israelis don't respond or if they force an intifada on us," Rifai said.
 Friday afternoon prayers are traditionally the most crowded at Al-Aksa. The size of today's crowd is largely dependent on whether a stricter closure is imposed, security sources said.
 "We will not allow inciters onto the Temple Mount. ... If we have to we will use force, but I hope we will not have to," Kahalani

TOP 10

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 place this time - out of some 4,000 newspapers, magazines, newsletters and news services available over the Internet. Eight out of the latest top 10 are US-based news organizations.
 The Post came in after The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, CNN Interactive, USA Today and the Christian Science Monitor. The Electronic Science Monitor, The Telegraph, and The Wall Street Journal. Among the pioneer news media that dropped out of the previous reader survey's top 10 were HotWired, CNet Online, Boston.Com and Nando.Net.
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Batty, Ferdinand, Gascoigne expected to be ready for qualifier

LONDON (Reuters) - David Batty was winning his fitness battle yesterday ahead of England's opening World Cup qualifier against Moldova on Sunday.

Batty, recalled by new coach Glenn Hoddle after more than a year in the international wilderness, was unable to train at the start of the week after spraining an ankle in Newcastle's shock home defeat by Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday.

thigh with the other. They'll be fit to train tomorrow. It's just slight problems," said Hoddle. Hoddle said there were no worries over Manchester United central defender Gary Pallister, who was ruled out of Euro 96 because of a troublesome back injury.

Graf thunders into third round

Stich, Enqvist, Novotna advance

NEW YORK (AP) - Top-seeded Steffi Graf battered Austria's Karin Kschwendt 6-2, 6-1 yesterday in her rush towards the defense of her US Open title.

In a battle of former Grand Slam tournament champions yesterday, Spain's Sergi Bruguera defeated Michael Stich of Germany to gain a third-round berth.

"He didn't have anything to do but put the ball in play, keep it in play, hope for me to make mistakes. That's what I did."

Graham snubs Manchester City

FORMER Arsenal boss George Graham turned down a chance to return to management after 18 months in the cold when he rejected an offer to take over at English First Division Manchester City yesterday.

Toto Cup action takes center stage

NATIONAL League soccer action takes a one-week break after just one week of play last weekend as the national team prepares for its World Cup qualifying match with Bulgaria on Sunday at the National Stadium, Ramat Gan at 6 p.m.

Slumping Yankees blow their cool in Seattle

High-flying Bosox surge deeper into AL East pennant race with another win

SEATTLE (AP) - Paul O'Neill, Darryl Strawberry and the slumping New York Yankees brawled with Seattle as the Mariners swept their three-game series with a 10-2 win on Wednesday night.

Gooden (11-6) capped a four-run sixth. Buhner tied his own Mariners single-season RBIs record of 121 with his 37th homer.

THE MAIN EVENT - Seattle's catcher John Marzano demonstrates a wrestling technique on New York's Paul O'Neill during their brawl in Wednesday's game.



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WEDNESDAY'S AL RESULTS:

Cleveland	9	Detroit	3
Chicago	2	Milwaukee	0
Oakland	3	Baltimore	0
Toronto	6	Minnesota	1
Kansas City	4	Texas	3 (12)
San Diego	7	California	3
Philadelphia	3	St. Louis	2 (10)
Seattle	10	New York	2

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Colorado	10	Cincinnati	9
Atlanta	9	Pittsburgh	4
Montreal	6	Los Angeles	5
Roulette	6	Houston	5
San Diego	3	New York	2 (12)
Florida	3	St. Louis	2 (10)
San Francisco	7	Philadelphia	6

Atherton leads England to one-day victory

MANCHESTER (Reuters) - England captain Mike Atherton hit a gutsy 65 to lead his team to a five-wicket victory over Pakistan in the opening one-day international at Old Trafford yesterday.

Rice signs seven-year deal with 49ers

Jerry Rice, who has caught more passes and scored more touchdowns than any player in NFL history, signed a seven-year contract extension with the San Francisco 49ers Wednesday.

Spurs sign guard Vernon Maxwell

The San Antonio Spurs brought back guard Vernon Maxwell yesterday, signing the player they had traded to the Houston Rockets in 1990. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

English Rugby Union clubs breaking away

Angered that the English Rugby Football Union is moving far too slowly to accept professionalism, England's top clubs have decided to break away and form their own competitions, a statement by the clubs said yesterday.

Boardman sets cycling record again

Chris Boardman broke the world record for the second day in a row as he clinched the 4,000 meters individual pursuit title at the World Cycling championship yesterday.

National volleyball team loses

The national volleyball team lost 3-2 to Belgium Wednesday night in the European Youth Championships being held in Ra'anana. *Tina*

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AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDINGS

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	68	52	.567	-
Baltimore	63	57	.525	5 1/2
Boston	58	62	.484	10 1/2
Detroit	53	67	.442	15 1/2
Toronto	48	72	.399	20 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	62	58	.517	-
Montreal	57	63	.479	5 1/2
Florida	52	68	.434	10 1/2
New York	47	73	.392	15 1/2
Philadelphia	42	78	.348	20 1/2

WILD CARD STANDINGS

Baltimore	70	62	.530	-
Chicago	71	63	.528	1/2
San Diego	69	65	.515	1 1/2
Minnesota	68	67	.507	2 1/2
Milwaukee	64	70	.471	5 1/2

